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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

H. H. Brady House

AND/OR COMMON

Rees House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemai Avenue, east side, third building south of 1st Street

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Chesapeake City

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

F. Budd Hineline Jr., et. al.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 319

CITY, TOWN

Cherry Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

New Jersey 08002

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE: Cecil County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 328
Folio #: 355

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Cecil County Survey

DATE

1967-68

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Brady House was built in 1876 by H. H. Brady in a combination of styles, the body of the house is a simple Victorian Gothic structure while the decoration is Italianate and Stick style. Because of its restraint, however, it would best be classified Victorian Gothic.

It is a large five bay long, two and one-half story frame structure covered with German siding and painted tan with dark brown trim. The steeply pitched roof is covered with slate having four courses of plain slate alternating with four courses of fish scale slates. At the apex of the roof, flanking the wide gable on the facade are two chimneys, one retaining its original terra cotta chimney pot. (the roof is now replaced with asphalt)

The windows of the first story facade have 4/6 sash and paneled shutters almost the height of the inside room. In the center is a door with two semicircular headed panels and a semicircular transom. Across three of the five bays is the porch with chamfered posts and "stick" brackets extending to the center of the plate from which hangs a turned pendant. At the top of the fascia are long modillion blocks. Second story windows have 4/4 sash and louvered shutters divided into three panels each. At the heads of the windows on both stories are decorative cornices. A smaller window with simple decoration is centered in the gable. At the apex of each gable is a stick design bracket from which originally hung a pendant and from which stood a finial.

On the north gable end is a single window on each story. On the south is a bay window on the first story with narrow windows and modillion cornice.

Behind the structure is a long two story wing built upon a very tall brick and granite foundation. Along its north facade is a porch which is open on the first story and enclosed below. The wing is five bays long with door adjoining the main part and one located on the next to last bay. The porch posts are square and chamfered and there are pierced brackets and bold capitals with an additional bracket from the post to the overhanging eave. All windows have 6/6 sash with paneled shutters on the first story and louvered above. Two chimney pots pierce the less steep pitched slate roof. On the south side, of the wing is a small one bay porch adjoining the main body of the house with same decoration as the north porch. There are three shuttered windows on the basement windows. Originally there was balcony at attic window.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Victorian Gothic style is best illustrated in the Brady or Rees' House. It is not only the most decorative, but also the largest scale dwelling on Bohemia Avenue. Primarily it is important because of its architectural style, but also because of the focus it creates in the center of today's activity. Moreover, the presence of a fine cast iron fence, brick walks and granite retaining walls it is significant in the study of urban landscape.

Henry H. Brady, owner of a fleet of tug boats, bought this property in 1869 from James A. Boulden. Mr. Brady married Miss Rebecca S. Cooper on March 30, 1861, and they made their home in Chesapeake City on Bohemia Avenue. (CE-310) The story among old time residents is that Mr. Brady promised to build a new house for his wife of her own design when she produced a son and heir. This she did, and the Brady family soon moved into their spacious Victorian home. The small building near the street on the north side of the house was used as an office by Mr. Brady. The only other buildings on the lot were the usual outbuildings and a small house fronting on Second Street used as a tennant house.

Mrs. Langner has a painting in her real estate office on Bohemia Avenue of the house as it must have looked before the store building on the corner existed and showing a wide lawn around the house.

At one time this property was owned by other prominent business men. Kendall Cropper and his heirs had a warehouse here in the early 1840's. There may have been other buildings that were demolished when Brady built his home. Ralph H. Rees' bought this property and had his home and business here for many years. He built the corner building that has served as a car agency and a store. (CE-322)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

April, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: <i>Rees' Victorian House</i>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>East side of Bohemia Ave near Second Street</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Chesapeake City</i>				
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>		COUNTY: <i>Cecil</i>		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <i>Mrs. Ralph Rees</i>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Chesapeake City</i>		STATE: <i>Md</i>		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <i>Clerk of the Circuit Court</i>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Cecil County Courthouse</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Elkton</i>		STATE: <i>Maryland</i>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

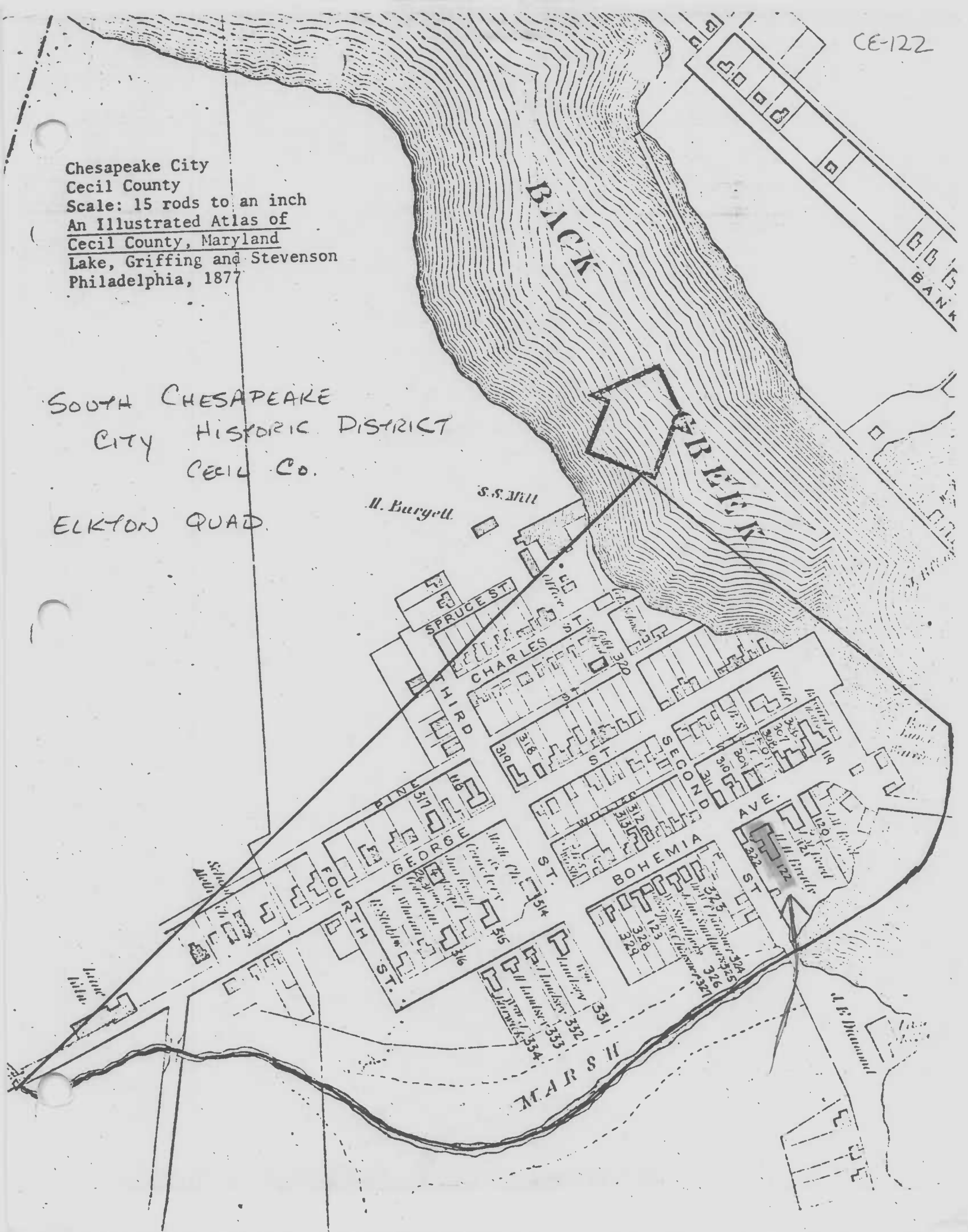
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chesapeake City
Cecil County
Scale: 15 rods to an inch
An Illustrated Atlas of
Cecil County, Maryland
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson
Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE
CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT
CECIL CO.
ELKTON QUAD.





CE. 122

Rees' Victorian House, Chesapeake City

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CE 122

Rees, Office Chesapeake City X² 6/73



H. H. Brady House or Rees House CE - 122

N.W. corner . . .

M. Bowyer April 1976.



H. H. Brady House or Rees House CE-122

N.E. corner

M. Bourne April 1976



PJB 8/94

CE-122 Rees house